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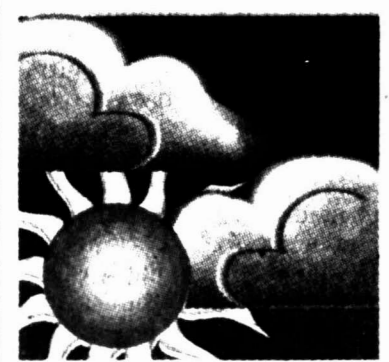
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One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.
The ticket was worth an estimated \$13 million.
The ticket was sold in Humble.
The numbers drawn were 10, 12, 16, 25, 29 and 41.
Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

First escapee trial gets started

DALLAS (AP) — An innocent plea was entered Monday for George Rivas, the ringleader of a gang of escaped inmates charged with killing an Irving police officer.
Rivas appeared before District Judge Molly Francis just before the beginning of jury selection in the capital murder case.
District Attorney Bill Hill read the charge against Rivas, who wore a gray suit and glasses. When Francis asked for Rivas' plea, lead defense attorney Wayne Huff said, "My client stands mute."
The judge then entered a plea of innocent for the former escapee.

- Phillip Davis, 40, employee of St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City.
- Candace Powell, 32, self-employed housekeeper.
- O. Marie Watson, 66, homemaker.

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County birthday planning group meets this week

Interested parties should attend

Gray County's Celebration Committee is busily planning the 100th Birthday of the county. Tentative plans are for a three-day celebration to be in the fall of 2002.

A meeting of the committee will be at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Room of the Chamber of Commerce. Committee Chairman Darlene Birkes extends a meeting invitation to anyone in the county who would like to help with the celebration.

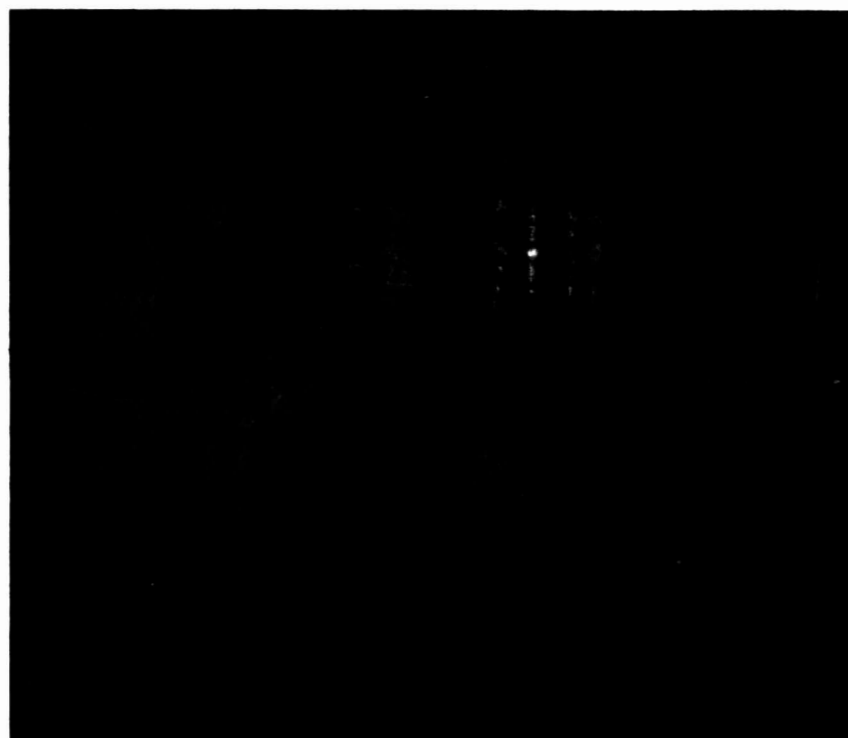
Birkes said several promotional activities are planned. A county-wide contest to design a logo for the special event is one of the first projects being considered.

Also, a special postage stamp cancellation project is planned along with school projects and a speaker's bureau relating to the history of the area.

She said the group is interested in getting students involved through the schools in the historical observance. Oral histories and creative writing projects on the high school level are planned. Special projects on the middle school and elementary school levels are also being planned.

A Speaker's Bureau will be a program resource for many area civic organizations during the upcoming year, she said. Programs relating to the history of the area will be available to any organizations in the county.

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Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce bought his rodeo tickets early from Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contestant Lindsey Price.

Here's your chance to win rodeo tickets

Free tickets to the Top O' Texas Rodeo.
Sound too good to be true? It's not. Join the directors of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at the following restaurants on special dates and register to win two free rodeo tickets. Tickets will be given away hourly from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the winner need not be present to win.

The restaurants and dates are July 2 at Dos Caballeros and July 3 at Texas Rose Steakhouse in Pampa. On July 5 directors will be at Red River Steakhouse in McLean and on July 6 at Amber's Mexican Restaurant in Pampa from 6-8 p.m. only. July 9 they'll be at Dyer's Bar-b-que, July 10 at La Familia Mexican Restaurant and July 11 at Black Gold Restaurant, all in Pampa.

Association directors urge folks to "come on out" to enjoy the music of Tommy Henson and register to win free rodeo tickets. The Thut Creek Band will pay at the Red River Steakhouse in McLean. The Top O' Texas Rodeo is July 12, 13 and 14.

Attorney: Insanity defense likely for mom

HOUSTON (AP) — An insanity defense likely will be used for a Houston woman accused of systematically drowning her five young children, her attorney said.
Andrea Yates, 36, was arrested last week in what a prosecutor called "the most horrendous thing that I've ever seen."

Yates told police Wednesday that she drowned her children one by one in a bathtub in their suburban Houston home. Dead are Noah, 7; John, 5; Paul, 3; Luke, 2; and Mary, 6 months.

Yates has been charged with one count of capital murder for the deaths of Noah and John. Authorities said other charges might follow.

Houston attorney George Parnham, who represents Yates, said in televised

reports Monday that he has met with psychiatrists treating her at the Harris County Jail.

"My observation is that she is still in a very deep psychosis. We are having her treated and examined by very professional mental health experts who care deeply for their patients," he said Monday in a round of network television news show appearances.

Parnham also said Yates, who is on a 24-hour suicide watch in the jail, may have been taken off an anti-psychotic drug by her doctors before the murder of her children.

"We are in the process of obtaining as many medical records as we can," Parnham said. "Obviously this is important and the ultimate decision is whether

or not proceed with the defense of insanity."

Yates was a registered nurse from 1986 to 1994 at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, hospital records show.

The youngest of her parents' five children, she spent the most time with her dying father as he battled Alzheimer's disease, a neighbor told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's editions.

Parnham told the newspaper, "I've accumulated evidence in the last 24 hours that strongly suggests that the mental status of my client will be the issue, which means entering a not-guilty plea by reason of insanity."

He said he is gathering background on Yates' mental health history before mak-

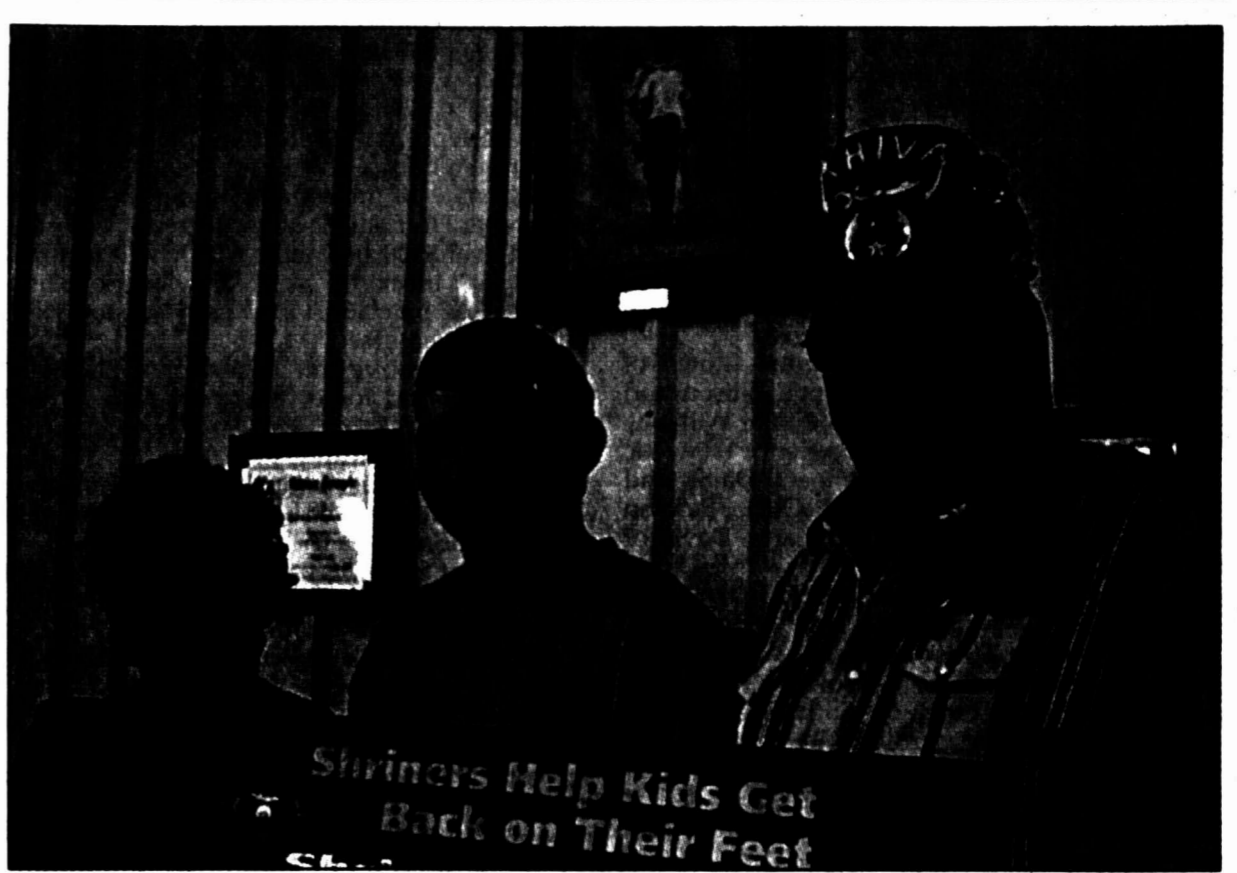
ing a final decision on her defense.

Parnham said Monday that what happened in the Yates' home last week "didn't happen in a vacuum." He said potential clues were "ignored, explained away or misdiagnosed," but he said he will not blame others for the deaths.

He would not say in any interview what evidence indicated she was insane when she killed the children at her Clear Lake home. However, the lawyer said he does not think the case warrants the death penalty and he hopes prosecutors decide against seeking it.

Her husband, Russell Yates, has remained one of her strongest supporters. He told reporters on Thursday that her severe postpartum depression, coupled

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Anita Urbanczyk, left, and her son Aaron, 16, center, attend a recent Pampa Shrine Club meeting to personally thank them for helping Aaron find relief at the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital in Houston after 18 months of pain following a knee injury. With them is Vice President Joe Bailey of the Pampa Shrine.

Pampa Shriners come through with help for teen

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Aaron Urbanczyk, 16, of White Deer spent 18 months trying to find out why his knee hurt so badly, becoming more and more discouraged with each doctor he saw.

His treatment options ranged from "learn to live with it" to "we may have to amputate."

When one doctor told Aaron and his parents that he may have a nerve disorder or disease deep within his leg bone that might require amputation, "it terrified us," said Anita Urbanczyk, his mother.

"Then one doctor told us it was all in his head," she added. "When your kid tells you he is in pain and he has tears in his eyes, you know it's not all in his head."

X-rays revealed nothing. No problems were apparent in the MRI taken of his knee.

When Aaron's dad Jay changed jobs, the family faced another blow. The new insurance com-

pany wouldn't cover anything to do with Aaron's knee problems because it was considered a "preexisting condition."

The Urbanczyks had reached their wits end when Anita's mother called a family friend — a Shriner — to find out if the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital might be able to help Aaron.

"It was a godsend for us," Anita said. Every three months, physicians from the Houston Crippled Children's Hospital come to Amarillo to screen area children needing orthopedic medical care. The care is provided free through donations from the Shrine, a non-profit international fraternal organization.

"They were going to be here that very Friday," she said.

The physicians told Aaron they believed they could help him. Before long, Aaron and Anita were flying to Houston for surgery with their travel expenses paid by the Pampa Shrine Club.

Once in Houston, Aaron underwent a half-

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Over the years, the Pantex board has sent recommendations to DOE on various issues, including plutonium storage, hazardous waste cleanups and groundwater concerns.

But in May, DOE officials told Pantex board members that the board should restrict its focus to environmental matters.

DOE wants Pantex panel's scope limited

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The scope of a citizens board monitoring the Pantex Plant could be decided by a top Air Force general.

The panel wants to continue making recommendations on plant operations while Department of Energy officials are encouraging the Pantex Plant Citizens Advisory Board to stick to issues related to groundwater and environmental cleanup topics.

Local DOE officials agreed in

1994 to establish the board, which includes Pantex proponents and critics. The Clinton administration created the Pantex board and others near America's weapons plants to give citizens a public forum following revelations that government scientists conducted about 800 radiation tests on humans, some of whom were not told of health risks.

Over the years, the Pantex board has sent recommendations

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DAVIS, Phillip — 10 a.m., St. John's Baptist Church, Mangum, Okla.
WATSON, O. Marie — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

PHILLIP DAVIS
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Phillip Davis, 40, died Wednesday, June 20, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. John's Baptist Church at Mangum with the Rev. James Callins and the Rev. Reggie Hamilton officiating. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery at Mangum under the direction of Greer Funeral Home of Mangum.

Mr. Davis was born March 7, 1961, at Mangum and had been a resident of Oklahoma City for the past 10 years, working in food services at St. Anthony's Hospital.
 He was affiliated with the Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jackson Barker and Birdie Lee Davis.
 Survivors include a child, Shantel Glover of Oklahoma City; four sisters, Linda Ellison and Geraldine Davis, both of Pampa, Easter Williams of Oklahoma City and Gloria Barker of Wewoka, Okla.; and four brothers, Kenneth Davis and Matthew Davis, both of Altus, Okla., Jackson Barker Jr. of Boley, Okla., and Larry Davis of California.

CANDACE POWELL
 AMARILLO — Candace "Hun" Powell, 32, died Friday, June 22, 2001. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in East Mausoleum Chapel at Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor Kyle Langford officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Miss Powell was born at Amarillo. She was a self-employed housekeeper.
 Survivors include a son, Stephen Blaine Powell of Amarillo; her parents, Robert Carroll Powell and Tommy and Linda Wheeler, all of Amarillo; two sisters, Cindy Powell and Connie Cessun, both of Amarillo; a brother, Darin Wheeler of Oklahoma; and her grandmother, Ellen Powell of Mobeetie.

The family requests flowers be sent to 4906 Flying A Trail.
O. MARIE WATSON
 LEFORS — O. Marie Watson, 66, died Friday, June 22, 2001. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lefors, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fort Bliss National Cemetery at El Paso. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Watson was born Sept. 26, 1934, at Pampa. She married Lt. Col. Roger L. "Bill" Watson on June 18, 1955, at Lefors; he died Aug. 27, 1990. The couple lived at Canyon, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Teheran, Iran, and Fort Benning, Ga., and settled in Barnwell, S.C. She returned to Lefors in 1998.

She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a member of Order of the Eastern Star.
 She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond McPherson, in 1998.

Survivors include three sons, Roger Watson of Wagner, S.C., and Steven Watson and Kevin Watson, both of Aiken, S.C.; her mother, Mildred McPherson of Lefors; and five grandchildren.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 23
 Donald James Cummings, 40, Panhandle, was arrested for possession and transport of anhydrous ammonia. He was released on bond.

Sunday, June 24
 Jerry D. Blaney, 39, no address, was arrested on to Texas Department of Public Safety warrants and released for time served.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, June 21
 10:15 p.m. — A 2001 Ford Escort driven by Cassie Lynn Hamilton, 16, 2015 Hamilton, and a 1995 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Staci Marie Clay, 16, 1029 Mary Ellen, collided in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Hamilton was cited for no licensed driver present and failure to yield right of way from private drive. Clay was cited for no driver's license. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Friday, June 22
 6:05 p.m. — A 1980 GMC pickup driven by Aaron James Broaddus, 16, Pampa, and a 1989 Ford pickup driven by James Clarence Richardson, 62, 2530 Evergreen, collided at the intersection of North Evergreen and East 25th Street. Broaddus was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign. No injuries were reported at the scene.

Saturday, June 23
 4:45 p.m. — An unknown driver lost control in the 100 block of West Linda and hit a fence before leaving the scene.

Sunday, June 24
 3:30 p.m. — An unknown driver lost control at the intersection of North Hobart and 400 West 21st and hit a stop sign before leaving the scene.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	1-888-Energas
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911

Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, June 22
 A representative of Gas 'N' Stuff, 225 W. Brown, reported the theft of \$23.69 in gasoline. Theft was reported in the 700 block of Malone. Someone took approximately \$40 in coins.

Destruction of property was reported in the 1200 block of East Darby. A boat received approximately \$15 in damage.
 Disorderly conduct - gesture was reported in the 200 block of North Somerville.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 700 block of East Kentucky. A Mongoose bicycle, valued at \$220 and a 20-inch bicycle valued at \$168 was reported stolen from a bicycle rack at M.K. Brown Pool.

Possession of marijuana under 2 oz. was reported at Huff and Crawford streets.
 Theft over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler. Sometime between 3:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., someone took \$518 in cash from a purse.

A representative of Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart, reported forgery between May 19 and May 23.

Saturday, June 23
 John Russell Woodward, 23, 1308 Starkweather, was arrested in the 1100 block of Terrace for public intoxication.

A report of fraud was taken in the 500 block of North Frost. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of South Wells on June 20.
 A fanny pack was reported found in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 1200 block of North Charles. Someone removed stickers valued at \$100 from a 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

An assault report was taken in the 1600 block of West Somerville.
 Curfew violation was reported in the 300 block of East Browning. Three juveniles were detained at Starkweather and Browning. Two were released to juvenile probation authorities and one was returned home.

Sunday, June 24
 Billy Lynn Mullins, 34, Hedley, was arrested in the 700 block of McCullough on six municipal warrants for no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection, trespassing, expired registration, failure to display and failure to appear.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 100 block of South Fowler. Sometime between 7 a.m. and 11:51 a.m., someone "ripped off" a padlock. Nothing else was reported stolen.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of North Charles. Sometime between 9 p.m., June 22, and 2 p.m., June 23, someone scratched the paint on a GMC Sierra pickup causing an estimated \$1,200 damage.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. Sometime between 3 p.m., Saturday, and 12:30 a.m., Sunday, someone entered the house and took three swords, a knife, a clock and a .22 caliber rifle. Loss was valued at \$350.

Police took a report of a simple assault involving juveniles in the 900 block of Twiford. Juvenile probation authorities were contacted.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 1800 block of Beech. A radio/ TV/ VCR valued at \$300 was reported stolen.

Simple assault was reported in the 100 block of South Dwight. A 9-year-old girl riding a bicycle was pushed over by another juvenile.
 Theft over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported in the 2500 block of North Dogwood. Someone stole two fender skirts valued at \$350 each from a 2001 Cadillac.

An unattended death from apparent natural causes was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.
 A representative of Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported the theft of \$361.61 from the business between 4 p.m., June 22, and 10:18 a.m., June 23. Police are continuing to investigate the theft.

Burglary was reported in the 1800 block of Beech. Sometime between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., June 15, someone entered a residence and stole a CD valued at \$15.

Monday, June 25
 Josue Ramon Vargas, 21, 853 S. Sumner, was arrested in the 900 block of South Nelson for public intoxication.

Ambulance

Rural/Metro made the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, June 23
 9:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.
 10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the rodeo grounds on a standby.
 4:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171 on a medical and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, June 24
 4:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Nelson on lifting assistance.
 11:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville; no transport.
 12:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells; no transport.
 12:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported one to PRMC.
 3:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded the 300 block of Perry and transported one to Veterans Administration Medical Center.
 3:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, June 25
 12:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta; no transport.
 1:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta and transported one to PRMC.
 3:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wilcox and transported one to PRMC.

Texas round up ...

President promoting religion-social service link

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — After a long weekend at his Texas ranch, President Bush is seeking to whip up enthusiasm among the nation's mayors to join with religious-oriented groups in government social services programs.

In Detroit on Monday, Bush planned to tell the U.S. Conference of Mayors that involving such groups in government grant programs opens an important avenue to addressing the nation's social needs.

"He is speaking to the mayors because of their important role in developing strong partnerships between government and the people to address important issues in neighborhoods and communities," said Claire Buchan, a White House spokeswoman.

She said the administration hopes the necessary legislation will advance through the House Judiciary Committee, and possibly the House Ways and Means Committee, this week.

The administration is working to make the legislation more palatable to critical lawmakers by setting stricter requirements on spending of public money by religious-oriented groups, The Washington Post reported in Monday's edition. It said Bush would tell the mayors that the funds "must be spent on social services, not worship services."

The bill opens 10 new programs to participation by religious charities. Buchan said the administration hopes the full House will act next month.

Dad accused in daughters' slayings says ex-wife got to him

DALLAS (AP) — An accountant accused of killing his two young daughters while arguing with their mother on the telephone says battles with his ex-wife and his workload had left him feeling overwhelmed before the slayings.

John Battaglia is held on with two counts of capital murder in the May 2 shooting deaths of Liberty Battaglia and her older sister, Faith Battaglia.

"I guess I was at my wits' end, trying to do too many things at one time," the 45-year-old Dallas CPA told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions.

In his first interview since the May 2 shootings in his Deep Ellum loft, Battaglia did not admit or deny shooting 9-year-old Faith or 6-year-old Liberty and declined to discuss their deaths, maintaining that his memory of that night remained cloudy.

Battaglia, who faces a possible death sentence if convicted of either of the two capital murder charges stemming from the slaying of his daughters, accused ex-wife Mary Jean Pearle of interfering constantly with his right to see the daughters following his divorce last August.

He said Faith had told him shortly after he picked up the girls from Pearle that her mother had said she and Liberty wouldn't be going on a planned camp-out with their father because he was going to be in jail.

Texas execution pace slows

DALLAS (AP) — Executions of criminals in the state of Texas has markedly slowed in the first half of this year after rapid-fire use of the death penalty over the past four years, figures show.
 Lethal injection has been carried out in the Texas

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa:			
Wheat	2.75	Columbia/HCA	43.72 dn 0.18
Milo	2.81	Enron	44.19 dn 0.69
Corn	3.13	Halliburton	39.40 up 0.14
Soybeans	3.75	KMI	53.66 up 0.31
		Novartis	56.60 dn 0.05
		Pharmacia	51.23 dn 0.29
		McDonald's	27.91 dn 0.21
		Exxon Mobil	88.70 dn 0.21
		New Atmos	22.95 dn 0.12
		XCEL	27.70 dn 0.14
		NOI	29.98 dn 0.52
		OKE	19.44 dn 0.18
		Penny's	25.05 dn 0.87
		Phillips	58.10 dn 0.50
		Pioneer Nat.	18.30 dn 0.35
		SLB	53.90 dn 0.20
		Tenneco	3.68 dn 0.02
		Texaco	70.55 dn 0.25
		Ultras	48.06 dn 0.24
		Wal-Mart	50.01 up 0.03
		Williams	32.78 dn 1.29

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:			
BP Amoco	32.75	up 0.32	
Celanece	22.00	dn 0.10	
Cabot	36.66	up 0.04	
Cabot O&G	25.04	up 0.04	
Chevron	94.32	dn 0.42	
Coca-Cola	44.05	up 1.20	
New York Gold	272.60		
Silver	4.32		
West Texas Crude	26.58		

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, June 24
 1:07 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza, on a smoke alarm. The alarm was set off by someone smoking.

12:06 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

12:39 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.

12:44 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 200 block of North Wells.

3:57 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

5:29 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 500 block of Rider started by juveniles playing with fireworks.

6:53 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a downed power line in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Today, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs near 96. South winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Caution advised on area lakes.
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
 Tuesday, sunny and breezy. Highs near 95. South winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty.
 Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

STATEWIDE — Scattered showers and thunderstorms moved across the South Plains and Central Texas overnight

death chamber eight times in 2001, compared with 23 by this time in 2000. Last year, a record number of 40 people were executed in Texas.

David Dow, University of Houston Law Center professor, said the execution pace may simply represent a return to more typical times, considering the number of inmates on death row.

"The only reason that 1/8th the current number of executions 3/8 seems really slow is because there have been so many the last two or three years," Dow, a death-penalty expert and opponent, told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions.

Nineteen inmates were executed in 1995 and new state appellate laws were passed that same year. The number of executions dropped to three in 1996 as the new laws were challenged in court and appeals backed up. But Dow said after the new legal issues were resolved, the number of executions soared to new heights.

Thirty-seven inmates were executed in 1997, followed by 20 the following year and 35 in 1999.

Delays in Alabama executions stir appeal debate

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — For three consecutive months, attempts to execute three inmates on Alabama's death row have been stalled by federal courts, and in two cases part of the reason was the lack of a lawyer at a crucial point in an appeal.

Now advocates for inmates facing death sentences are looking to Congress to put pressure on the state to make changes.

"The state of Alabama bears responsibility of assuring that people who are poor have the same quality of representation as people of above-average means," said Diann Rust-Tierney of the American Civil Liberties Union's capital punishment project. "Other states have put money into statewide public defender services."

A bill introduced in March by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., would create a National Commission on Capital Representation and withhold federal funds from states not complying with standards for capital representation. The bill also would provide capital defense incentive grants and resource grants for capital cases.

Stephen Bright, director of the Atlanta-based Southern Center for Human Rights, an anti-death penalty center, said he will testify Wednesday in favor of the federal legislation.

"States like Alabama, Georgia and Texas simply are not providing competent lawyers," Bright said.

American Airlines, mechanics reach tentative pact

DALLAS (AP) — A tentative contract agreement was announced Sunday by American Airlines following its negotiations with the union representing mechanics and ramp workers.

The three-year pact, covering about 15,000 employees, provides immediate base pay raises of 8 percent to 22 percent for different job classifications. Another 3 percent raise would come in the second and third years of the contract.

But the Fort Worth-based airline giant faces other labor issues. Flight attendants continue counting down to a strike that could come as soon as late Friday, unless President Bush intervenes. American also faces challenging negotiations with its pilots this summer, when the union and the company begin to hammer out a new contract.

ER visits on increase

ATLANTA (AP) — Stomach pain, chest pain and fever were the most common reasons for emergency-room visits, the CDC said.

Adverse reactions to drugs and other complications from medical care accounted for 1.4 million visits in 1999, up 80 percent from 1992.

The 103 million emergency visits in 1999 were up 14 percent from 90 million in 1992.

City Briefs

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FARMER'S MARKET will be at 810 W. Foster, Sat. June 30th, Wed. & Sat. thereafter at 7 a.m.

MEN OF VALOR — a tribute to WWII veterans. Central Baptist Church July 1st - 11:00

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In South Texas, clouds were mostly clear with light southeasterly winds. A chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms was forecast Monday for the upper Texas coast and deep southern sections.

A slight chance of thunderstorms persisted in the Permian Basin and elsewhere in West Texas through Tuesday.

Daytime highs should range from the 80s along the coast and in the north to mid-90s elsewhere, except for near the century mark along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected from the 60s to 70s.

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COUNTY

State Representative Warren Chisum is preparing a special proclamation.

Displays of the area are also being considered, including the cultural contributions over the past 100 years.

The group is planning to have activities for young and old during the three-day event. A special reunion to honor residents who have lived in

the county over 50 years is planned along with activities for the young to build their interest in the historical background of the county.

David Fatheree is serving as treasurer of the group and is seeking donations for the 2002 event.

Anne Franklin is secretary and Mary Beth Fatheree is reporter. Telephone committee chairmen are Louisa Britton and Marie Smith.

Anyone wishing to help with the project may contact Birkes at 665-2913 or any other officer.

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SHRINERS

hour operation where tissue torn from his knee in a football injury, had broken off and was floating in his knee cap causing the pain and swelling.

"He's done great since the surgery," Anita said. She and Aaron returned last week from a follow-up visit to the hospital. While there, Aaron received a good report from his doctors and is looking forward to a full recovery.

"It's still real sore," she said. "It's going to take a little time."

All of Aaron's medical treatment, doctors, medicines, hospital and surgery expenses were also free, Anita said, providing welcome financial relief to the family since their health insurance would not pay.

"Big hospitals could learn a lot from the Shriners," she said. "Our doctor sat down and explained everything to Aaron and then gave us a

tour of the hospital — everywhere but where the surgery would take place. They showed me where I would be. He answered all of Aaron's questions and my questions, too."

Anita said she was also impressed when hospital officials took a photograph of Aaron and placed it with his chart. "They won't be getting the children mixed up that way," she said.

"I remember when I was a little girl how (a family friend) Skeet Wagner would talk about the children he helped through the Shrine. He wouldn't tell everything, but he talked about it a lot. It's funny what things you remember when you're little. But that was one of them I will always remember," she said.

She never dreamed how that childhood memory would someday apply to her own son.

For more information about the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital free medical care, contact James Washington, 665-1488.

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PANTEX

to DOE on various issues, including plutonium storage, hazardous waste cleanups and groundwater concerns.

But in May, DOE officials told Pantex board members that the board should restrict its focus to environmental matters.

Dan Glenn, manager of the DOE's Amarillo Area Office, said he has been unable to find a signed Pantex board charter that allows its members to provide recommendations on operational issues.

"We're not trying to stifle the board. We're trying to help them succeed by focusing on really what the charter says they are to focus on," Glenn said. "If anyone can find a signed one that extended that charter to operations I'd be happy to look at it, but no one's come to me to show it yet."

Walt Kelley, a city official who serves as the board's co-chair, cosigned a Pantex board letter last month to Gen. John A. Gordon, asking him to allow Pantex board members to continue making recommendations on Pantex operations. Gordon is the administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

Kelley said he is concerned about changes in the board's mission.

"What I have a problem with is that the board was formed under one set ... of beliefs as to what the board would look at and did so for all these years, and now it's arbitrarily changed," he said.

Pantex board Co-Chair Paula Breeding, a frequent plant critic, said she, too, is worried about how the board will function.

"We no longer will be allowed to know what is going on out there, which I think is very dangerous," she said.

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DEFENSE

with her father's recent death, drove her to harm their children.

George Dix, a law professor at the University of Texas, said insanity defenses are rarely used, and those that are used rarely succeed. To be found innocent by reason of insanity, Andrea Yates would have to show that she was so mentally impaired that she couldn't see circumstances for what they were.

For example, if she "believed her children to be devils, she's entitled to acquittal," Dix told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions.

"Homicide consists of causing the death of another person," Dix said. "If you believe the thing you destroyed was not a person, the verdict is your conduct wasn't criminal."

Three years ago in Houston a jury acquitted Evonne Rodriguez of capital murder in the beating and strangling death of her 4-month-old son. Rodriguez told authorities she thought her son was possessed by demons, so she threw his body in Buffalo Bayou.

A judge sent Rodriguez to a state mental hospital.

Michelle Oberman, a law professor at DePaul University in Chicago and author of "Mothers Who

Kill Their Children," which will be released in August, said postpartum depression has been a defense element in cases where mothers kill their children since the mid-1980s.

"The best chance she has, if she's got any good chance, lies in hoping the jury understands the circumstances under which she was operating and to understand the reality of postpartum depression," Oberman told the Dallas newspaper.

About 10 percent to 20 percent of mothers face some level of postpartum depression. Most cases are mild, and can be treated with counseling and medicine. Some cases are severe, causing psychosis or delusions.

Russell Yates visited his wife in jail on Friday. During a candlelight vigil later that evening, he asked people to pray for her.

"That will help a lot. She's suffering," he said tearfully.

Parnham said he is working with Russell Yates and her mother and brothers in an attempt "to get beyond the grief that obviously is the result of this tragedy."

Funeral services for the children, who ranged from 6 months to 7 years old, have been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Clear Lake Church of Christ.

\$141 million jackpot has winner

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The largest single-state jackpot in U.S. history has a winner.

The ticket was purchased in San Jose, but the identity of the holder will not be known until it is redeemed. The winner, who has 180 days to claim the record \$141 million jackpot, could opt to take the money in 26 annual payments or a lump sum of about \$70 million.

Alex Wang, 56, who owns the liquor store where the winning ticket was sold, will receive about \$705,000 — or one-half of 1 percent of the jackpot — if the ticket is confirmed, said lottery spokesman Sid Ramirez.

"I couldn't believe it, but it looks like it's true," Wang said. Wang, who moved to the U.S. from Taiwan in 1970, has owned the liquor store for 27 years.

He has no immediate plans for the money, although he said he may buy a new home.

"First, I'll probably put it in the bank."

Ramirez and other lottery officials were at Wang's store Sunday to tie up some legal loose ends.

"As part of our security system that's been in place ever since the lottery began, we take the (lottery ticket) machine to make sure there has been no

tampering or malfunctions of sorts," Ramirez said.

He said lottery officials will return to Wang's store in three to four weeks with his check. Officials will then give Wang special banners to hang at his store saying "this store made a million dollar winner."

About \$43 million in lottery tickets were sold on Saturday alone, with 84,000 tickets sold every minute in the last hours before the 7:58 p.m. drawing — this despite the fact that the chance of winning was one in 41 million.

The huge prize built up during the past month as nine drawings came and went without a winner.

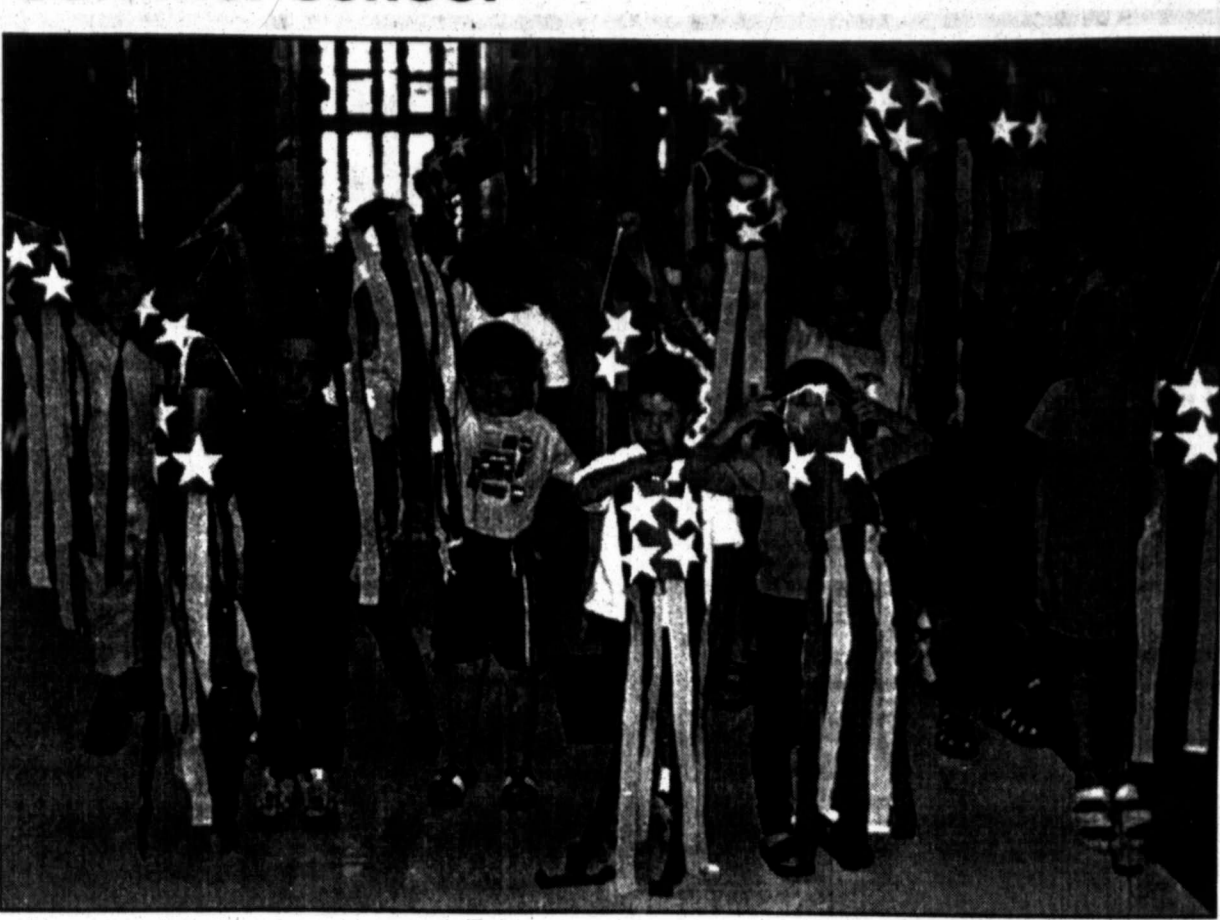
The largest previous single-state lottery prize before the current record jackpot was \$118.8 million in 1991, also in California. The jackpot has exceeded \$100 million only three times in the entire history of lotto.

Ramirez said this winning jackpot raised \$80 million for public schools in the state.

If no one comes forward to claim the record-breaking jackpot, it will also be handed over to public education.

The winning numbers were 3-22-43-44-45 with Meganumber 8.

Summer school



(Community Camera photo)

Some children attending summer school at Travis Elementary recently completed flag windsocks in celebration of Flag Day. Above: Noah Irvin, Austin Johnson, Shawn McIntosh, Glenda Culver, Stephaney VanBuskirk, Payton Munguia, Britteny McCallum, Destinee Simmons, Blake Sark, Jazmyn Hair, Jacob Black, Eric Villarreal, Danny Simmons, Garrett Renner and Dustin Frazier.

People in the news ...

LONDON (AP) — Irish singer Sinead O'Connor has accepted a marriage proposal from a journalist she met a few months ago, the groom-to-be said.

Nick Sommerlad, a Dublin-based correspondent for Britain's Press Association, said Sunday the couple plans to tie the knot sometime next summer.

"Yes, we are getting married," said Sommerlad, 27. "We have not got any firm dates for it yet. I am delighted and so is she."

The two began dating in February after being introduced by a mutual friend. "We fell for each other very quickly," Sommerlad said.

O'Connor, 34, has two children from previous relationships. Jake, 13, was born during a previous marriage to drummer John Reynolds. A relationship with Irish Times columnist John Waters produced her second child, 5-year-old daughter Roisin.

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Conservative Republican Sen. Jesse Helms, who recently attended his first rock concert, received his first thank you note from a rock star.

Helms, 79, attended a concert by the rock band U2 on June 14 in Washington. U2 front man Bono set up Helms and his grandchildren in a sky box and invited them backstage before the show, where Helms met U2 guitarist the Edge.

"Senator Helms, Dot and the hundred and seventy-nine grand children," the note said. "Hope you had fun at the concert. We are really confusing the cynics with our friendship and our action in Africa. You are blessed, (and) I am to know you. Love, Bono."

Helms said he enjoyed the concert, but had to turn his hearing aid down because it was too loud.

Helms and Bono struck up a friendship last fall when the singer lobbied Helms on international debt relief.

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Some actors may resent being associated with a particular role, but James Doohan doesn't seem bothered by it.

"Beam me up, Scotty! That's what the fans always shout at me," said Doohan, who played Cmdr. Montgomery Scott in the "Star Trek" TV series, as he signed autographs and posed for pictures at the Trek Expo 2001, which wrapped up Sunday.

"I don't mind at all," Doohan said. "That phrase is

what I'll forever be identified with. They also like 'We need more power!'"

Thousands of fans in search of science fiction collectibles and a chance to meet their favorite stars like Doohan stood in line for autographs.

Other actors at the event included Kevin Sorbo, formerly of TV's "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys;" Adam West, star of the "Batman" TV series from the 1960s; and Avery Brooks, formerly Capt. Benjamin Sisko of "Deep Space 9."

NEW YORK (AP) — Author Dominick Dunne says his sons were so angry about the murder of their sister that they looked into hiring a Mafia hit man to get her killer.

"My sons actively met with this Mafia guy to get him bumped off, but I knew they wouldn't go through with it," Dunne told the New York Post in Sunday's editions. "And then after awhile, I said to the kids, 'I don't want to go on like this.'"

Dunne's daughter, Dominique, was slain in 1982 by a former boyfriend in Los Angeles shortly after completing her first movie role, in "Poltergeist."

Her killer, John Sweeney, was sentenced to six years for manslaughter but was released after serving 2 1/2 years.

In his new book, "Justice: Crimes, Trials and Punishments," Dunne does not detail the Mafia meeting, saying instead: "We thought of revenge, the boys and I, but it was just a thought, no more than that, momentarily comforting."

GREAT VALLEY, N.Y. (AP) — A couch, clothes and a crib were among the belongings of late 10,000 Maniacs guitarist Rob Buck auctioned off to help pay his debts.

Buck's estate raised \$36,700, said auctioneer Corey Brown.

"We really didn't have a choice," David Bauer, the lawyer for Buck's estate, said.

Buck, 42, a Jamestown native, died Dec. 19 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center of complications related to liver failure. His friends and fans gathered Saturday to bid a final farewell.

"I'd like to take a little bit of Rob and spread him around if I can," said 10,000 Maniacs bassist Steven Gustafson, whose buys included Buck's paintings, 10,000 Maniacs records and a lava lamp.

LMNRA and partners to receive public safety award

FRITCH — A recognition ceremony will be held Tuesday, June 26 for the staff of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area (LMNRA) and its partners, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Division and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 52.

During the ceremony, LMNRA, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Coast Guard Flotilla will be honored with the Andrew Clark Hecht Memorial Public Safety Achievement Award. The award recognizes the trio's success in reducing the number of deaths at the park (from one every 4.5 months to zero in 42 months).

On June 28, 1970, Dr. James Hecht, a senior chemist for DuPont Corp., and his family were vacationing in Yellowstone National Park. During the outing, Hecht's young son was killed. Out of this tragedy, the issue of public safety became a passion for Hecht and his wife.

Hecht testified before Congress about the lack of provision for

public safety in the National Park System and subsequently established the Hecht Foundation in memory of his son through which he supports public safety achievement.

Karen Wade, NPS Intermountain Regional director,

said, "the leadership of the entire park staff along with your partners ... deserve high praise and credit for this demonstrated understanding that resource preservation and visitor experience can and must be provided in a safe way."

Drag race ends in death for two people

OCEANSIDE, N.Y. (AP) — The street where a pair of drag-racing sports cars careened out of control, killing two people, is a popular spot for racing, residents say.

Sunday's wreck left the cars unrecognizable twisted lumps of metal, with debris strewn along the roadway.

Witnesses told police the drivers of a Lamborghini and a Corvette were speeding and weaving in and out of traffic for several blocks before the

Lamborghini smashed head-on into a Volvo.

Killed in the crash were Michael Vasapoli, 30, who was driving the 2001 Lamborghini, and the Volvo's driver, Glenn Jacofsky, 43.

The Corvette, which had a vanity plate that read, "LOV2XLR8" (Love to Accelerate), lost control and hit a parked school bus, police said. Its driver, Kevin Hart, 27, was treated for minor injuries. He was charged with two counts of manslaughter, police said.

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Wife's Wish for Her Birthday Is to Spend It With Friends

DEAR ABBY: My 36th birthday is coming, and I would like to do something exciting. I want to have fun with some of my close friends. I have celebrated with my husband and 9-year-old daughter for the past eight years. It's always the same. They buy me a cake, give me gifts and sing "Happy Birthday" — and every year, I become more depressed because "like that," my birthday is over.

I need something more. How can I break this depressing cycle and explain to my husband and daughter that I prefer spending my birthday with friends?

WANTING A HAPPIER BIRTHDAY

DEAR WANTING: Is there any reason why you can't do both — have a family birthday and some special time with your friends? Many people celebrate their birthdays over a period of several days.

I can't help feeling something more is going on than you have revealed in your letter. You may be depressed, and not just on your birthday. See your physician and tell him or her how you feel. If you don't, I see trouble ahead.

DEAR ABBY: I have been invited to a "senior recital" by my next-door neighbor's daughter. The parents of this girl have reserved the auditorium at the school and invited friends and family to an hour-long presentation by her, followed by a reception.

My question: Is this a gift-giving occasion? Should I take flowers or

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what? I don't want to arrive empty-handed, but I'm in a quandary as to what exactly I should do.

Obviously this is a first for me, Abby. I like these people and want to do the right thing. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

D.M.K. IN DELAWARE

DEAR D.M.K.: While being invited to a senior recital is not usually considered a gift-giving occasion, if you were to take something the girl could have as a keepsake, she would probably treasure it for the rest of her life. It needn't be anything expensive.

Another idea would be to unobtrusively take a photograph of her during her presentation, frame it, and give it to her as a memento.

same day in hospitals more than 100 miles apart. After my wife emerged from surgery, and I was assured that everything had gone well, I raced to the other hospital to see my mother-in-law.

When I reached her side, I could see she was close to death. I asked her if there was anything I could do. She raised an arm, pulled me close and whispered a compliment I will never forget. She said, "Dougie, I'm not a jealous person. If I were, I would be jealous of the life my daughter has had with you."

I kissed her wrinkled cheek, said goodbye and drove back to my wife. It was a sunny California day, but I had difficulty seeing through my tears.

My message to other sons-in-law is this: Instead of making fun of your mothers-in-law, tell them how much you love them. You might be surprised to find out they love you, too.

"DOUGIE"

DEAR DOUGIE: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother-in-law. She must have been a wonderful woman to have given you such a meaningful farewell gift. I hope others will take your letter to heart. It contains an important lesson.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and mother-in-law had surgeries on the

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Wildwood

LOOKS LIKE I'M GOIN' OUT FER WRASSLIN' ON ACCOUNT OF PAW...

AND YOU DON'T WANT TO?

NO, SIR.

WHAT DOES YOUR MOM SAY?

-- THAT'S JEST IT. MAM SAYS SHE KIN STILL TAKE HIM, BUT I JES KNOW SHE'S LOST A STEP.

Crossword Puzzle

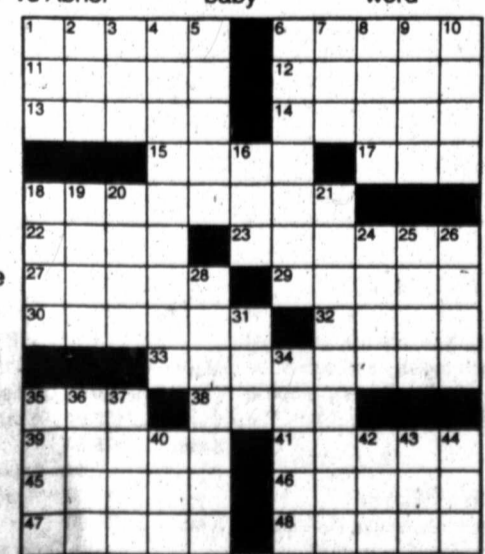
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- Homer's wife
 - Witch trial town
 - Oak drooping
 - "My Fair Lady" heroine
 - Fragrant wood
 - Turns suddenly
 - Rocket part
 - Used a stool
 - Recklessly
 - Stepped down
 - Gown features
 - Eagle's grasper
 - Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
 - Followed
 - Infamous emperor
 - Brings together
 - Trip around the track
 - Orderly
 - Caribbean isle
 - Build
 - Deserve
 - Wipe clean
 - River boat
- DOWN**
- Aspen aficionado
 - Top card
 - Fishing aid
 - Part of a gentleman's education, once
 - Sign up
 - Uranus's position
 - Pub brew
 - Whoppers
 - Pound of poetry
 - Ship pole
 - Distress call
 - Abhor
 - Vigorous spirit
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"I'm sorry, they don't offer liver as a pizza topping."

The Family Circus

"Look, Mommy! There's a full sun out today!"

For Better or For Worse

YOU AND APRIL WERE HAVING QUITE A PRIVATE CHAT OUT THERE! WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

APRIL ISN'T FAT, SHE'S NORMAL!

WELL, SHE'S VERY SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT BEING A LITTLE "ROUNDER" THAN SHE USED TO BE.

BUT WE TALKED IT ALL OUT, AND SHE'S FEELING A LOT BETTER ABOUT HERSELF, NOW.

I HATE MY HAIR!

Zits

HLO?

HI. I GOT THIS NUMBER OFF THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MARKET.

DO YOU DIG KOI POND?

YEAH, BABY! I DIG 'EM! I THINK THEY'RE TOTALLY GROOVY!

THAT WAS A LITTLE KOI POND HUMOR.

I THINK I'LL CHECK AROUND.

Garfield

IT'S COMEDY TIME!

AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS BOW TIES ARE FUNNY?!

Beetle Bailey

MY NOSE IS ALL STUFFED UP

SLEEP WITH YOUR HEAD ELEVATED, BEETLE

Marvin

I THOUGHT THIS MORNING YOU WERE GOING TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME

BUT SINCE I CAN'T WALK YET, I CAN'T RUN

THIS IS AS FAR AS I GOT BEFORE MY KNEES GAVE OUT

B.C.

OH, WOW! THE NORTHERN LIGHTS!

OH, MY!... THEY WENT OUT!

MUST BE THE WESTERN LIGHTS.

Hagar The Horrible

PSST— DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT OUR RAID ON ENGLAND...

WHY NOT?

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE KING HAS PLANTED A SPY IN OUR MIDST!

Peanuts

IT'S BEAUTIFUL, BUT WHY CAN'T I UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE SINGING?

IT'S ALL IN LATIN, SIR...

THEY MUST REALLY HATE US...

Blondie

YOU'D LIKE TO STOP AT THE FLORIST SHOP?

YES, I NEED TO PICK UP FLOWERS FOR MY ANNIVERSARY

WE'RE GOING TO BE AWFULLY CROWDED IN A MINUTE

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

BECAUSE THEIR ANNIVERSARY WAS YESTERDAY!

UH-OH!

Mallard Filmore

TV CHEF EMERIL LAGASSE WILL STAR IN A SITCOM THIS FALL...

IN WHICH HE PLAYS A TV CHEF...

THEY APPARENTLY GOT THE IDEA FROM THE LONG-RUNNING SITCOM...

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SPORTS

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GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Public Golf Course held a four-man seniors' scramble last week.

Results are as follows:
 First place: Elmer Wilson, Carroll Pettit, Jerry South and Lucio Moreno, 59.
 Second place: Bill Hammer, Ralph Wilson, Callens George and Jim Maher, 61.
 Third place: Jerry Davis, B.F. Dorman, James Lee and Marvin Allison, 61.
 Closest to the hole: Jim Maher, No. 6.

AUTO RACING

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Tony Stewart spoiled Robby Gordon's bid for a victory and Jeff Gordon's push for a record in the Dodge-Save Mart 350.

Stewart won his second race of the season and 11th of his career, beating Robby Gordon on the road course at Sears Point Raceway.

With 11 laps to go, leader Robby Gordon was fighting off brushes by Kevin Harvick — who was trying to get back on the lead lap — and missed Stewart's deft pass on Turn 7.

Robby Gordon, subbing for Ultra Motorsports' driver Mike Wallace in a Ford, finished second in the event completed under caution.

Pole-sitter Jeff Gordon was vying for his record-setting seventh road-course victory as well as his fourth straight win at Sears Point. He finished third after leading 32 laps, and remains the Winston Cup points leader.

TRACK & FIELD

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — With a shot at an unprecedented triple at the USA Championships, Regina Jacobs decided she had to go for it.

"Why not?" Jacobs said. "I needed to get some hard running under my belt. Plus I wanted to do something historic."

And she did. Jacobs became the first woman to win the 800 meters and 1,500 in 17 years, then finished second in the 5,000.

The 37-year-old Jacobs won her 10th 1,500 title Saturday, and used the same strategy in winning the 800 on Sunday in 2:00.43, the fastest time by an American this year.

Just as she did in the longer race, when she stayed off the right shoulder of front-running Suzy Favor Hamilton until the final 60 meters, Jacobs ran off the shoulder of Hazel Clark until the final 80 meters.

Then, she accelerated into the lead and won by 10 feet, becoming the first 800-1,500 champion since Kim Gallagher in 1984.

Marla Runyan spoiled Jacobs' chance at three victories, winning the 5,000 in 15:08.03, the fastest time by an American this year. Jacobs was timed in 15:10.78.

Jacobs won the 1,500 and the 5,000 at last year's Olympic Trials, but did not compete at the Sydney Games because of illness.

Jacobs ruled out running the 800 at the World Championships, but said she had not yet decided whether to compete in the 1,500 or 5,000 or both.

In cold conditions that included rain and wind, Marion Jones won the 200 in 22.52 seconds against a 3.6 mph headwind. It was the fourth straight national 200 title for the world's best sprinter.

Flashback

1967: Lee junior high defeated Pampa junior high 12-6 to win the 7th grade city football championship.

Lee quarterback Rick Musgrave threw two touchdowns passes to Bill Simon, covering 50 and 10 yards.

Allen Keeton scored for Pampa junior high on a 50-yard run.

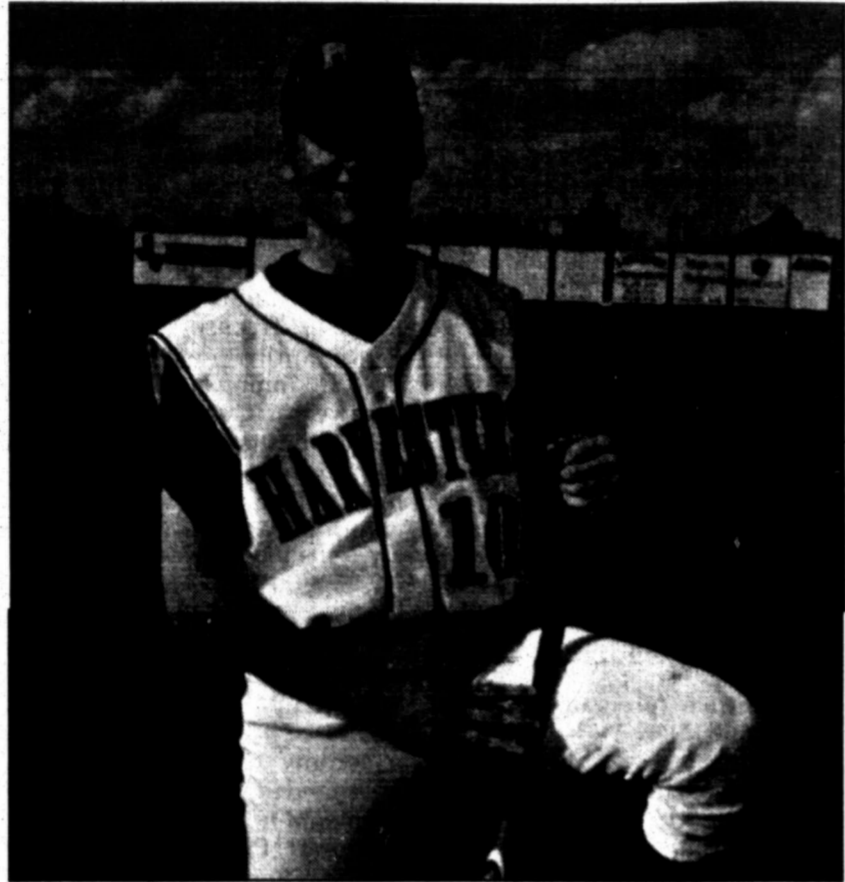
Pampa's Jones named to Globe-News Super Team

Pampa — Pampa junior Adam Jones has been named to the 2001 Amarillo Globe-News High School Baseball Super Team.

Jones, a southpaw pitcher, struck out 127 batters this season to set a new school record.

His 4-6 record was misleading. Three of those losses were by one run and the other three were by two runs or less. He had an impressive 1.50 earned run average.

Jones was also named to the All-District 3-4A team.



Junior Adam Jones sets school strikeout record.

2001 Globe-News High School Baseball Super Team

- Pitchers**
 Adam Jones, junior, Pampa
 Chance Douglass, junior, Randall
 Kyle Thompson, senior, Randall
 Brandon Knapp, senior, Randall
- Catcher**
 Josh Payne, junior, Randall
- First Baseman**
 Eric Davis, senior, Amarillo High
- Infielders**
 Brandon Baldwin, senior, Randall
 J.P. Wieck, senior, Canyon
 Cody Merrell, junior, Perryton
- Outfielders**
 Marcus Simpson, senior, Dumas
 Kyle Artho, senior, Hereford
 Derek Shedd, junior, River Road
- Designated Hitter**
 Alex Schenck, junior, Amarillo High
- Utility Player**
 Curtis Reneau, senior, San Jacinto
- Player of the Year**
 Leonard Guerrero, senior, Tascosa
- Sophomore of the Year**
 Michael Crabtree, Canyon
- Coach of the Year**
 Steve Ribera, Randall
- Surprise Team of the Year**
 Follett Panthers

Bell gets first win as Rangers down A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rob Bell used some of his worst stuff to get his first victory of the season.

Rafael Palmeiro and Ruben Sierra hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning as the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 9-5 Sunday to win their third straight series.

Ivan Rodriguez also homered as Texas won with plenty of offense and a good start from Bell (1-0), who was unimpressive but effective. He allowed five hits and three runs over five innings in his second appearance since joining the Rangers in a trade with Cincinnati on June 15.

"I didn't have great stuff, but a win is a win," Bell said. "I felt like I had a six-shooter with one bullet in it, and that was my fastball. I'm still waiting for my curveball to come back."

It was the first victory in 13 starts for Bell, who jumped from Double-A to the majors last season but couldn't get on track in Cincinnati. Winless in 10 tries with the Reds this season, he hadn't won since beating the Cubs last Sept. 13.

Manager Jerry Narron praised Bell's changeup, as well as his tenacity in pitching out of two jams.

"We had him on the ropes, but he minimized the dam-

age," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "He was probably one hitter from being out of the game, but he qualified for the win."

The Rangers' improved starting pitching has been the primary reason for their small steps back toward respectability. A disastrous season has knocked Texas out of the playoff race, but the Rangers hope to regain some of their confidence and self-respect with their current run of solid play.

The Rangers won for the sixth time in nine games, taking two of three from the stumbling A's.

"We've pitched well for the last two weeks or so, and that's really the only difference," Narron said. "We're getting guys out that we weren't getting out before."

Frank Catalanotto had a two-run double in Texas' three-run fifth inning against Gil Heredia (4-6), who hadn't lost since May 12. Heredia allowed six hits and four earned runs while pitching into the fifth.

"Whenever I pitch against these guys, I'm not very good," said Heredia, who is 0-5 in six career appearances against Texas. "I have to go out and try to do something different. I have to make an adjustment."

Sampras slips and slides to opening victory at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Pete Sampras took his first slippery steps toward a record eighth Wimbledon title Monday, even winning a set as he skidded to the grass that has been so good to him.

Sampras won his 29th straight match at the tournament, beating Francisco Clavet of Spain, who prefers the slower clay surface, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Sampras had 19 aces and never faced break point — and won the final point of the second-set tiebreaker after falling. He scrambled to his feet just as Clavet returned a deep forehand into the net. Clavet protested in vain that Sampras' shot was long.

"There were some obvious (line calls) that were very questionable," the top-seeded Sampras said.

There was no question about the dominance of fifth-seeded Serena Williams, who needed just 40 minutes to beat lefty Rita Kuti Kis, 6-1, 6-0, the Hungarian's third consecutive opening-round exit from Wimbledon.

On Tuesday, defending champion Venus Williams plays on Centre Court against unseeded Shinobu Asagoe of Japan.

Sampras' win was the 54th in his last 55 Wimbledon matches. But, at 29, his game is down from its peak. He hasn't won a tournament since last year's Wimbledon.

If he wins the title again this year, he'll tie Bjorn Borg's modern-day record of five consecutive titles. He's now tied for overall men's titles with Willie Renshaw, who won seven in the

1880s, when the defending champion drew a bye to the final.

"He had it easier back then because he just had to win one match," Sampras said.

Sampras has it much easier on grass. He lost last month in the second round on the clay of the French Open.

"I love the (Centre) court and when I step out there I draw a lot of memories," he said. The surface was "like it always is the first day. It's very slippery. ... I lost my footing a couple of times."

But he stood tall in the final game, winning the last two points on a deep lob and a forehand by Clavet that sailed long.

Serena Williams started a sunny Wimbledon with a speedy victory, beginning what could be another successful two-week family trip. Her sister Venus, seeded second, should have a similarly brief opening exercise.

"Everyone deserves a break now and then," Serena said.

Her stroll on the grass court was spoiled only by Kuti Kis' victory in the sixth game of the first set, in which Serena had three break points. Serena then held serve to win that set, starting a seven-game roll that got her into the second round.

"I'm a kind of insatiable person so I've never had a perfect match," she said. "I think I lost a little focus out there. I started thinking of different things. My eyes started wandering."

On the men's side, U.S. Open champion Marat Safin of Russia, seeded fourth, beat Julian Knowle 6-2, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; British hope Tim Henman, seeded sixth, disposed of qualifier Artem

Derepasko of Russia 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; and Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, a three-time runnerup but now unseeded, beat Fredrik Jonsson of Sweden 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 2 Andre Agassi and No. 3 Patrick Rafter play Tuesday.

The victory by a Williams was a familiar development at the All England Club, a bastion of tradition that has undergone significant changes this year.

The number of seeds was doubled to 32 men and 32 women, and the Boston Ivy that long has clambered up the clubhouse walls has been removed in preparation for renovations.

Last year, Serena won four matches before losing to her sister in the semifinals. Venus reached the quarterfinals in 1998 and 1999, then beat Lindsay Davenport in straight sets to claim her first Wimbledon championship.

Monday's temperature hovered in the upper 70s as Serena took the court at high noon and didn't break much of a sweat.

"This is like heaven compared to what it's like back home in Florida," she said.

London's unusually dry stretch reached its ninth day as the two-week tournament, often plagued by rain, began. More traditional weather was expected Tuesday: isolated showers with possible late thunderstorms.

That's when Venus will show if her nearly monthlong layoff left her rested or rusty. It didn't bother Serena, who hadn't played since the French Open either.

"I'm not concerned at all," Serena said. "I definitely feel in form, not only physically but mostly mentally."

Garcia takes lead at Buick Golf Classic

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods said he faced a daunting task after a poor 4-over par opening round in the Buick Classic.

He was right. Woods was eight shots behind Sergio Garcia heading into Monday's final round of the rain-delayed Buick Classic.

"It doesn't look like Tiger is playing as well as he was," Garcia said after a 5-under 66 Sunday gave him a three-round total of 12-under 201.

That was two strokes better than Scott Hoch, and three in front of J.P. Hayes.

Garcia wasn't exactly ruling Woods out during the final round of the tournament, which was disrupted by downpours Thursday and Saturday. But Garcia did not seem unduly concerned about the prospect of Woods making a charge Monday.

"I mean, he can still shoot a good round and finish well, but it's not in my mind right now," Garcia said. "I'm more focused

on Scott Hoch and J.P. Hayes."

Woods started off good Sunday, going 4-under over the first nine holes to draw within two shots of Garcia and Hoch, who were tied after the second round at 7-under and had not yet started.

But Woods faded on the second nine at the Westchester Country Club. He missed greens with iron approaches on Nos. 11 and 17 for bogeys and failed to hit the green in two on the par-5 18th with a 6-iron. He parred a hole he was thinking of making eagle on.

Woods' 3-under 68 left him at 4-under for the tournament and tied for 12th. He had climbed back into contention with a second-round 66 after the 4-over 75 in his opening round.

Woods said he'd have to shoot a phenomenal score and hope those above him on the leaderboard will lose ground to give him any chance of winning.

"When you're this far behind, you're going to need a little bit of

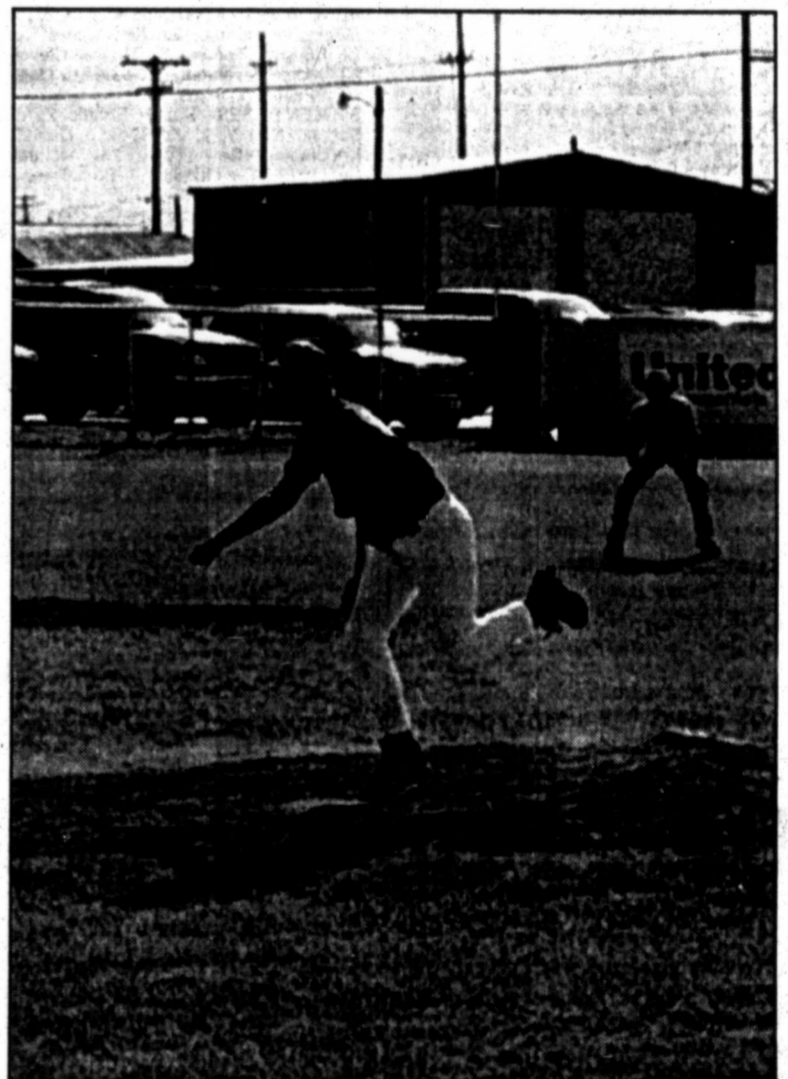
help," Woods said.

Woods' biggest comeback of his PGA career after three rounds was at Pebble Beach last year, when he was five behind.

Garcia did not seem inclined to give Woods or anybody else an opening.

He played the tight, hilly and thickly roughed Westchester Country Club with caution Sunday, taking chances on the shorter, easier holes while keeping the ball in play on the more dangerous ones.

Winning pitcher



(Pampa News photo by Lance Burton)

Glo-Valve pitcher Brett Ferrell finished the season with an 8-0 record after his team beat Celanese last week in the Optimist Cal Ripken 11-12 Tournament finals.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING - Suzuki, Seattle, .352; RAlomar, Cleveland, .348; MRamirez, Boston, .347; JaGiambi, Oakland, .345; JGonzalez, Cleveland, .343; McGriff, Tampa Bay, .336; Olerud, Seattle, .331. RUNS - Suzuki, Seattle, 67; ARodriguez, Texas, 67; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 59; Stewart, Toronto, 55; BBoone, Seattle, 53; CGuzman, Minnesota, 52; JGonzalez, Cleveland, 52. RBI - BBoone, Seattle, 78; MRamirez, Boston, 72; JGonzalez, Cleveland, 65; ARodriguez, Texas, 62; EMartinez, Seattle, 61; JaGiambi, Oakland, 59; Posada, New York, 57. HITS - Suzuki, Seattle, 117; Stewart, Toronto, 100; MRamirez, Boston, 95; BBoone, Seattle, 93; JGonzalez, Cleveland, 93; RAlomar, Cleveland, 93; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 92; ARodriguez, Texas, 92. DOUBLES - MJSweeney, Kansas City, 31; JaGiambi, Oakland, 24; Greer, Texas, 23; EMartinez, Seattle, 22; Echavez, Oakland, 21; Stewart, Toronto, 21; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, 20. TRIPLES - CGuzman, Minnesota, 9; Suzuki, Seattle, 6; JEncarnacion, Detroit, 5; Stewart, Toronto, 5; Cedeno, Detroit, 5; Hairston, Baltimore, 4; CEverett, Boston, 4; RSanchez, Kansas City, 4; Alieca, Kansas City, 4; RAlomar, Cleveland, 4. HOME RUNS - MRamirez, Boston, 23; CDelgado, Toronto, 22; ARodriguez, Texas, 21; BBoone, Seattle, 20; Thome, Cleveland, 20; Burks, Cleveland, 20; JaGiambi, Oakland, 19; RPalmeiro, Texas, 19. STOLEN BASES - Suzuki, Seattle, 25; Soriano, New York, 23; Cedeno, Detroit, 23; Knoblauch, New York, 23; McLemore, Seattle, 23; Hairston, Baltimore, 17; Cameron, Seattle, 16. PITCHING (10 Decisions) - Clemens, New York, 10-1, 939, 3.57; Wron, Minnesota, 8-3, 727, 3.97; Radke, Minnesota, 8-3, 727, 3.72; Moyer, Seattle, 8-3, 727, 4.33; Mulder, Oakland, 8-4, 667, 3.88; Burba, Cleveland, 8-4, 667, 5.73; Pettitte, New York, 7-4, 636, 3.07. STRIKEOUTS - PMartinez, Boston, 146; Clemens, New York, 108; Nomo, Boston, 97; Colon, Cleveland, 96; Mussina, New York, 93; Hudson, Oakland, 92; Zito, Oakland, 88. SAVES - Sasaki, Seattle, 27; MRivera, New York, 23; Perovic, Anaheim, 18; Foule, Chicago, 16; Hawkins, Minnesota, 16; Wickman, Cleveland, 15; Koch, Toronto, 14.

BASKETBALL Women's National Basketball Association At A Glance All Times EDT EASTERN CONFERENCE Cleveland 8 3 727 - New York 8 3 727 - Miami 5 5 500 2 1/2 Indiana 4 6 400 3 1/2 Detroit 3 6 333 4 Orlando 3 6 333 4 Washington 2 7 222 5 Charlotte 1 10 091 7 WESTERN CONFERENCE Houston 8 1 899 - Los Angeles 9 3 750 1/2 Portland 6 3 667 2 Seattle 6 5 545 3 Sacramento 6 5 500 3 1/2 Utah 4 4 500 3 1/2 Minnesota 3 5 375 4 1/2 Phoenix 4 7 364 5 Saturday's Games Houston 70, Sacramento 56 Indiana 74, Detroit 70 Orlando 67, Washington 59 Utah 87, Minnesota 80 Sunday's Games New York 82, Los Angeles 69 Cleveland 54, Miami 35 Sacramento 85, Charlotte 82 Houston 67, Portland 57 Monday's Games Los Angeles 70, Sacramento 57 Minnesota 67, Washington 73 Phoenix 67, Utah 67

TRANSACTIONS Week-end Sports Transactions By The Associated Press BASEBALL BALTIMORE - Placed OF Chris Richard on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 20. Purchased the contract of Larry Bigbie from Bowie of the Eastern League. Transferred OF Luis Matos from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Jay Spurgeon from Rochester of the International League. Optioned LHP John Parrish to Rochester. CLEVELAND INDIANS - Recalled RHP Roy Smith from Buffalo of the International League. DETROIT TIGERS - Traded RHP Dave Mikicki to the Houston Astros for RHP Jose Lima. NEW YORK YANKEES - Acquired RHP Jay Witasick from the San Diego Padres for INF D'Angelo Jimenez. OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Signed C Greg Nix to a one-year contract. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS - Placed OF Gerald Williams on waivers for the purpose of his conditional release. Activated OF Jose Guillen from the 15-day disabled list. TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Recalled INF Cesar Izuris from Syracuse of the International League. Purchased the contract of OF Tony Peters from Tennessee of the Southern League and optioned him to Tennessee. Designated LHP Lance Painter for assignment. NATIONAL LEAGUE ATLANTA BRAVES - Transferred RHP Kevin Millwood from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Marc Valdes to Richmond of the International League. LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Designated RHP Greg Olson for assignment. Purchased the contract of RHP AI Reyes from Las Vegas of the PCL. Activated RHP Kevin Brown from the disabled list. Placed RHP Mike Fetters on waivers. MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Agreed to terms with RHP Jen Steitz on a minor league contract. NEW YORK METS - Recalled RHP Jerrod Piggion from Norfolk of the International League. Optioned RHP Dicky Gonzalez to Norfolk. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS - Placed 1B J.T. Snow on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled INF Damon Minor from Fresno of the PCL. BASKETBALL NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION NBA - Shortened the suspension of Kevin McHale, Minnesota's vice president of basketball operations, to end July 18. HOCKEY NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ATLANTA THRASHERS - Traded an eighth-round 2001 draft pick to the New York Rangers for D Jeff Dessner and a fourth-round 2001 draft pick to St. Louis for LW Lubos Barlow. BOSTON BRUINS - Traded RW Cameron Mann to Dallas for D Richard Jackman. BUFFALO SABRES - Traded C Mike Pecca to New York Islanders for F Taylor Pyatt and Tim Connolly. CALIFORNIA FLAMES - Traded D Chris St. Croix to the New York Rangers for D Burke Henry. CAROLINA HURRICANES - Acquired LW Chris Dingman from Colorado for a fifth-round 2001 draft pick and a fourth-round 2001 draft pick from Philadelphia for a third-round pick in 2002. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS - Traded D Stephane Quintal to Montreal for a fourth-round 2001 draft pick. COLONIA AVALANCHE - Traded D Nolan Pratt to Tampa Bay for a sixth-round 2001 draft pick. FLORIDA PANTHERS - Traded C Rob Niedermayer and a second-round 2001 draft pick to Calgary for RW Valeri Bure and C Jason Wiemer. Sent the rights to C Jiri Dopita to Philadelphia for their second-round 2001 draft pick. Named Paul Baxter assistant coach. MONTREAL CANADIENS - Acquired RW Andre Dackell from Ottawa for an eighth-round 2001 draft pick. OTTAWA SENATORS - Traded C Alexei Yashin to the New York Islanders for their first-round 2001 draft pick, F Bill Muckalt and D Zdeno Chara. PHOENIX COYOTES - Traded D Jyrki Lumme to Dallas for RW Tyler Bouck. SAN JOSE SHARKS - Acquired F Adam Graves from New York Rangers for RW Samuelsen and D Christian Gosselin. ST. LOUIS BLUES - Traded G Roman Turek and a fourth-round 2001 draft pick to Calgary for G Fred Brathwaite, C Daniel Tkaczuk and F Sergei Varlamov and a ninth-round 2001 draft pick. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS - Traded F Igor Korolev to Chicago for a third-round 2001 draft pick.

Cards keep Bonds in park

By JOSH DUBOW AP Sports Writer

Mark McGwire's teammates slowed down Barry Bonds' run at Big Mac's record for one night. Bonds flied out four times and walked once Sunday night as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 7-3. Bonds was 1-for-9 with one homer and six walks in the three-game series at Busch Stadium, where McGwire broke Roger Maris' home run record and hit No. 70 in 1998. Bonds flied out four times to left — one a foul ball — and remained at 39 homers. "He's their most dangerous hitter," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He got us once and it was a big blow, but we ended up winning the game he got us in." "He's a very, very tough out and everything he's doing is legitimate." McGwire is the fastest ever to 40, doing it in 90 games in 1998, and this was the Giants' 75th game. Bonds already has hit more homers before the All-Star game than any player in history, and the Giants have 13 games remaining before the break. "Anytime he doesn't hit a home run, you've got to be happy," Cardinals starter Matt Morris said. "I didn't make great pitches, but he just didn't hit them." In other NL games, it was Atlanta 8, New York 4; Montreal 11, Pittsburgh 4; Milwaukee 6, Chicago 3; Houston 7, Cincinnati 5; Colorado 7, Arizona 6; Philadelphia 9, Florida 3; and San Diego 6, Los Angeles 1. Morris (10-4) allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. He worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the second and sixth innings, and stranded two run-

ners in the third and fourth. Morris has won seven straight at home and is 8-1 there with a 1.61 ERA. Dave Veres got the last out for his 11th save in 12 chances. Jim Edmonds' two-run double off Russ Ortiz (8-5) gave the Cardinals a 3-2 lead in the fifth and he had an RBI single in the third. Edmonds had a sacrifice fly and Albert Pujols hit a two-run single in the sixth to make it 6-2. Braves 8, Mets 4 Brian Jordan hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in a seventh-inning rally that began with Rafael Furcal's bunt double, as Atlanta swept the three-game series at Shea Stadium. Furcal went 4-for-5 for the first four-hit game of his career, scored three runs and stole a pair of bases. Jason Marquis (2-1) got his first career win as a starter. Javy Lopez also homered for Atlanta, which outlit the Mets 15-9. Steve Trachsel (1-9), winless since April 30, gave up six runs in 6 1-3 innings. Brewers 6, Cubs 3 Ben Sheets beat Chicago for the third time in as many starts, and Milwaukee hit three homers to complete a three-game sweep at Wrigley Field. Sheets (9-4), who pitched the gold-medal winning game for the 2000 U.S. Olympic team, won his fifth straight decision despite giving up two homers to Matt Stairs. Jeremy Burnitz, Jose Hernandez and Tyler Houston homered for the Brewers. Expos 11, Pirates 4 Peter Bergeron had four hits and Mike Mordecai had two of his three hits in a seven-run sixth inning for visiting Montreal. Troy Mattes (1-0) got his first major league victory. Joe Beimel

(3-3) gave up seven runs and 12 hits in five-plus innings. Astros 7, Reds 5 Julio Lugo had three hits and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as Houston beat visiting Cincinnati. Octavio Dotel (4-4) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Billy Wagner pitched a scoreless ninth for his 15th save in 16 tries. Rockies 7, Diamondbacks 6 Pinch-hitter Larry Walker hit a two-run single off Randy Johnson as host Colorado ended a season-high six-game losing streak. Walker, who was 1-for-6 against Johnson (9-5), didn't start because of a sore left hamstring but came off the bench to deliver the key hit in the sixth inning. Denny Neagle (6-2), activated from the disabled list before the game, allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings. Phillies 9, Marlins 3 Bobby Abreu went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and an inside-the-park homer for Philadelphia. After being outscored 20-2 in the first two games at Florida, the first-place Phillies avoided the sweep. Bruce Chen (3-4) gave up two runs and three hits in five innings. Padres 6, Dodgers 1 Adam Eaton (8-3) pitched a three-hitter for his first complete-game victory as San Diego swept the three-game series at Los Angeles. Phil Nevin homered and drove in three runs, and Bubba Trammell hit a two-run single for the Padres. Kevin Brown, activated from the disabled list before the game, made only his third relief appearance in 393 major league games and allowed one hit in 1 1-3 innings.

Stars ship Jackman to Bruins

Stars' trade on Sunday of young defenseman Richard Jackman to Boston for forward Cameron Mann was a move necessitated by the acquisition a day earlier of veteran defenseman Jyrki Lumme from Phoenix, Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "When Lumme came in, there's no room," Hitchcock said. "We're not able to keep eight guys." The Stars sent Tyler Bouck to Phoenix for Lumme. Jackman split the last two seasons between Dallas and its International Hockey League affiliates in Michigan and Utah. He played 38 NHL games during that span with one goal and two assists. Jackman was the Stars' first pick and fifth overall in the 1996 NHL entry draft. He was the Stars' highest draft pick since they took Mike Modano first overall in 1988. All but handed a spot in training camp last season, he struggled early in the season. He failed to register a point in 16 games and was minus-6 before being sent to Utah of the IHL. The 23-year-old Jackman was at a point in his contract where he would have to make the team this fall or be placed on waivers. The team recently broached the possibility of Jackman moving to forward next season. Jackman declined, and the Stars pursued a trade. "I think in our minds collectively, our hockey department felt Richard wasn't going to play as a defenseman for us," Stars general manager Bob Gainey

said, acknowledging disappointment. "Over the years in Dallas and our evaluation was that he wasn't going to — in the short term — get onto our team as a defenseman. It was either to try and convince him to play a different position or find another player who fit at a different position." Gainey added: "No doubt, had Richard fulfilled all our expectations in the time frame we have, we'd have a different element to use. It's not a slight on him or our development. That's a time frame these things have to happen." In return for Jackman, the Stars got Mann, 24, who played junior hockey in Gainey's hometown of Peterborough, Ontario, and has scored consistently on the minor league level. Like Jackman, Mann's performance in the NHL has fallen below expectations. Mann, the Bruins' fourth-round pick of the 1995 draft, had just 14 goals in 89 career games in Boston. Last year, he scored one goal and had three assists in 15 games with Boston while splitting time with the Bruins' American Hockey League affiliate in Providence, R.I. "We think Cameron is a fine prospect. We just felt that maybe it was time for him to have a change of scenery and we think this trade with Dallas for Richard is a good fit for both teams," Bruins general manager Mike O'Connell said. "Richard is big, he's a terrific skater and he has a great shot. I

saw him in several of the games he played in Dallas last season and I think he has a good chance to play full-time in the National Hockey League," O'Connell said. After the trade, it was on to the draft picks. The Stars opened the day by taking the first of three players from the Czech Republic, center Daviel Volrab. At 6-feet and 180 pounds, Volrab played for Sparta in the Czech Junior League. In the fifth round, the Stars took their second goaltender of the weekend, Mike Smith from Kingston, Ontario; Smith, a 6-3, 189-pounder, played 43 games for Sudbury of the OHL last year, recording a 2.52 goals-against average with three shutouts and a .913 save percentage. The Stars had two sixth-round picks and took two European players — Michal Blazek, a 6-2 defenseman who scored 15 points in 33 games with Vestin last year, and Jussi Jokinen of Kalajoki, Finland, a center/winger, who scored 19 goals and registered 33 assists in 46 games last year with Karpat in the Finnish Junior Leagues. The Stars' last three picks were all forwards. In the eighth round, the Stars grabbed Marco Rosa, a 6-0, 170-pound center who played at Merrimack with Dallas' third-round draft pick, Anthony Aquino. "The eighth round, I think, is a little deceiving," Rosa said. "There's so many guys who have been late bloomers."

De La Hoya has a new boxing title and some big plans

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The only thing Oscar De La Hoya wants now is big fights. With his win over Javier Castillejo, he thinks he has a bargaining chip to get them. After nearly two years without a title, De La Hoya won the WBC 154-pound crown Saturday night from Castillejo with a dominating performance in his first fight since moving up from welterweight. De La Hoya's future is far from clear, with the possibility he can move up to middleweight, stay at 154 pounds or go back down to 147 pounds. But he believes the title might help convince the likes of Shane Mosley, Fernando Vargas and Felix Trinidad to give him the big fights he so desperately seeks. "It's all about just making the fights," De La Hoya said. "My next fight I want a big fight. It has to be a big opponent." Eager to regain his stature among boxing's elite, De La Hoya knows he can get there only through possible rematches with the two fighters who have beaten him or against Vargas. He wants to fight one of them in November, a task complicated by the fact De La Hoya believes his popularity means he should call the shots for any future fights. "I have this world championship title and I'm in the driver's seat," he said. "That's just the way it's going to be." "Not so fast, says Mosley, who beat De La Hoya last June and believes he has nothing to prove by doing it again. "I'm supposed to jump up

and fight Oscar? On his own terms? I don't think so," Mosley said. Mosley said he would want equal money to fight De La Hoya again, a fight that would likely take place at a catch weight of 150 pounds. Trinidad would probably want more money, and he still needs to beat Bernard Hopkins in their September fight to unify the middleweight titles. That leaves Vargas, though he may be leery of taking the fight until he has a few more bouts to recover from the beating he took from Trinidad in December. "If they need rest, more training or don't want to fight this year, I'm willing to wait," De La Hoya said. "But I have to fight these guys again." De La Hoya won a title in a fifth weight class in beating an

outclassed Castillejo, who tried at times but was no match for his quickness or boxing ability. It was the first fight at 154 pounds for De La Hoya. The decision was lopsided and unanimous — and De La Hoya added a flourish by knocking Castillejo down in the final seconds — but the fight really didn't show that much about De La Hoya's chances at the heavier weight. "I felt very strong, like I can hang with the big guys," De La Hoya said. "I'll probably stay here at 154. I felt solid, great." De La Hoya was a prohibitive favorite going into the ring against Castillejo, despite the fact the Spaniard had five successful title defenses. He was also a huge favorite among the 10,000 or so who were on hand at the MGM

Grand hotel arena. De La Hoya seemed to rock Castillejo seconds into the fight with a right hand that he has been working on with new trainer Floyd Mayweather. He dominated the rest of the way, using quickness and a potent left hook to keep the champion off balance. De La Hoya won all but the 10th round on all three ringside scorecards and landed 403 punches to only 121 for Castillejo. "I've seen quick and fast boxers, but he's extremely fast," Castillejo said. "He's an outstanding boxer and a great champion." What De La Hoya may not have proved is whether he can carry his punch up into the heavier weights. He never seemed to have Castillejo in trouble until finally dropping

him with a left hook with five seconds left in the fight. "I know Oscar can get better," Mayweather said. "But I thought he did an excellent job." De La Hoya thought so, too, after collecting another title and another \$3 million to add to his already huge bank account. The losses to Mosley and Trinidad tarnished a career that once seemed without limits. Now, De La Hoya has a title back for the first time in nearly two years and a new determination that he can be the best once again. "It looks easy to capture five world titles. But if that's the case, why doesn't every fighter do it?" De La Hoya said. "There's no stopping me now. I want to capture another world title."

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Getting your "upper" blood pressure number below 140 can boost your chances of staying healthy. Many older people don't know that a high "upper" number can put them at risk for heart disease, heart attack, or a stroke, with resulting disability. But, blood pressure above 140 mm Hg can be treated and lowered cheaply and effectively.

Blood pressure is typically recorded as two numbers - the systolic pressure over the diastolic pressure. A high top number and a normal bottom number of a blood pressure reading is called isolated systolic hypertension (ISH). Treatment and prevention of this condition are essential because left alone, high systolic pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, heart failure, dementia, kidney damage, and blindness.

"The good news is that ISH can be controlled in older adults and perhaps even prevented by taking steps early to prevent the rise of blood pressure with age," says Dr. Andre J. Premen, director of Cardiovascular Aging at the National Institute on Aging (NIA). "By taking control, older people can add meaningful life to their years by remaining independent and staying out of hospitals and nursing homes."

Hypertension therapy may begin with lifestyle changes, and older people often respond to modest salt reduction and weight loss. If the target blood pressure is not achieved, then medicine is necessary. A low-cost and well-tolerated drug - a diuretic (water pill) - is effective. Based on clinical trial findings, this drug is recommended as the first line of treatment for high blood pressure in older adults.

The NIA, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) leads the Federal effort supporting and conducting research on aging, age-related disease, and social and behavioral needs of older people. Part of NIA's research involves ways to prevent frailty and reduce disability with age. For more information about health and aging, visit the NIA website at <http://www.nih.gov/nia>.

Information on controlling blood pressure and the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) eating plan is available from the National High Blood Pressure Education Program, a program of NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Camp near Gainesville serves diabetic youth

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SHERMAN, Texas — More than just a summer camp, Camp Sweeney in Gainesville, Texas, is an oasis where diabetic children from all over the world are empowered.

For more than half a century, kids as young as 5 have come to the 340-acre, tree-studded camp in North Texas to build their self-confidence and learn to manage their disease while having fun with other children.

In addition to regular camp activities — swimming in the pools, canoeing and fishing the 34-acre lake, archery, field games, hiking, camp fires and more — campers learn to prepare healthful meals and regulate their insulin.

Recently the camp held its Second Annual Spring Fling Family Weekend. Parents and children slept in cabins, hiked and learned more about Camp Sweeney and living with diabetes.

"You live in your own little world and you don't realize how much information is out there," said Sandi Kuhlman, a parent from McKinney attending Spring Fling.

Her husband, Carl, added, "This is an opportunity to see how other families are treating diabetes and what is working for them."

Carl and Sandi's daughters — Catherine, 13, and Elizabeth, 9, — might attend Camp Sweeney together this summer.

"Catherine has always attended camps, but now that she is diagnosed we were feeling a little apprehensive about her going away, so the doctors told us about Camp Sweeney," Sandi said. "I'm pretty excited to know she will be taken care of."

"Elizabeth is not diabetic — she just had so much fun at the Family Spring Fling, she wants to come back."

If a session is not booked with diabetic kids, siblings are invited to learn hands-on what their brothers and sisters go through.

Siblings do everything the other campers do except give themselves shots, said Marlene Gray, foundation development director for the Southwestern Diabetic

Foundation, which supports the camp. They test their blood sugar and follow the eating plan so they learn empathy first hand.

Cindy Henley of Lewisville brought her 13-year-old son Matthew to the spring event just to see what the camp was like.

"Matthew was recently diagnosed, so we are new to diabetes," she said. "Matthew has been checking his blood sugar but is not giving himself insulin shots yet. If he comes back to Camp Sweeney in the summer, he could learn the how-tos from other kids who know what it's like."

Last year, 10-year-old Lesha Collard of Emory came to Camp Sweeney all four seasons.

"They helped her learn to give herself shots, but the best thing was the interaction," said Lesha's grandmother, Suzanne Collard.

"No one else in her school has diabetes, so she feels different. But coming to camp gave her more self-confidence," Collard said.

Joel Johnson of Sherman, a camp counselor, added: "You pick up tricks and see other kids with the same problems and successes."

Johnson is diabetic and was a camper at Sweeney for 10 years before heading off to the University of Texas.

"It's a blast," he said of coming back as a counselor. "This is a really good program for the kids and for me. It is motivating me to do as well (managing the disease) as I try to teach the kids."

During June and July, groups of about 180 campers stay in the eight air-conditioned cabins for three-week sessions.

Then, at the end of the summer, a one week mini-session provides an introduction to the camp experience for younger children who will return the following year or for busy kids who just could not attend longer sessions.

A senior week gives older campers special opportunities to build mentoring skills.

Other camp events include the annual Frostbite Run between Christmas and New Year's when campers renew health knowledge and skills while rekindling summer friendships around the campfire.

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Last year, almost 800 children attended Camp Sweeney. Most were from Texas: 581. But 18 other states and three countries were also represented.

For the children who come back year after year, new activities are added.

This year's new attraction is an inflatable trampoline and slide that float on the lake.

While such toys and fun activities attract the kids, parents can rest easy knowing the camp has a professional staff on 24-hour duty.

They include doctors, counselors, dietitians and schoolteachers as well as college and medical school students.

Camp Sweeney is owned and operated by the Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, a not-for-profit organization. The foundation relies on private gifts and pharmaceutical donations to keep camp tuition as affordable as possible (\$1,400 for three weeks including medical care and medications).

"We get a few big donors, but our bread and butter is of the \$25, \$50 and \$100 variety," Gray said. "We really appreciate that because every check means somebody sat down with their checkbook when they didn't have to."

For more information about Camp Sweeney log on to www.campsweeney.org, call (940) 665-2011 or write to P.O. Box 918, Gainesville, TX 76241.

'Drive-through deliveries' may contribute to brain damage

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CHICAGO (AP) — Short hospital stays after birth — sometimes called "drive-through deliveries" — may be contributing to infant brain damage caused by untreated severe jaundice, health officials are warning.

In an alert issued to the nearly 5,000 hospitals it evaluates, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations said doctors are seeing a re-emergence of a rare condition called kernicterus in newborns.

Kernicterus can develop if jaundice becomes severe, and usually causes a form of cerebral palsy with poor muscle control. Hearing loss, teeth malformations and other handicaps also may occur.

"These cases are true tragedies, not only for the children, but also for the families," said Dr. Paul M. Schyve, the commission's senior vice president.

Jaundice affects more than half of all U.S. newborns. It may go away by itself or with treatment that usually involves placing the infant under special fluorescent lights. Blood transfusions are done in severe cases.

Kernicterus is not monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but an

informal physicians' registry suggests that about 90 cases and three deaths have occurred since 1984, said Dr. Jeffrey Maisels. Maisels heads an American Academy of Pediatrics subcommittee that is revising 1994 guidelines for treating jaundice.

While those 90 cases are a tiny portion of the estimated 4 million annual births nationwide, doctors suspect the numbers are higher.

Sending babies home a day or two after birth — what critics call "drive-through" deliveries — has contributed to the problem, according to the academy and the commission. Jaundice may not become obvious until several days after a newborn has gone home.

The rise in kernicterus is especially troubling because the condition is preventable if jaundice is treated early, said Maisels, chair-

man of pediatrics at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

The commission's recommendations include evaluations for all newborns with jaundice, medical follow-ups for newborns within two days after they are sent home, and education of parents about jaundice and its risks.

Jaundice can cause a yellowing of the skin and involves an elevated level of bilirubin, which is a naturally occurring byproduct of decomposing red blood cells.

The liver filters bilirubin from the blood, but newborns' livers typically do not start functioning fully until a few days after birth, making them prone to jaundice.

Maisels said doctors are not certain how bilirubin damages the brain, but autopsies of infants with kernicterus have found yel-

low staining in a region of the brain that controls movement.

Simple blood tests can detect elevated bilirubin levels and are recommended by the academy for all newborns who appear jaundiced.

Babies at increased risk for jaundice include those born a few weeks prematurely, those who may be improperly nourished because of inefficient breast-feeding, and those who have siblings who have had jaundice.

Kernicterus is believed to have been somewhat common in the 1940s and '50s, before the development of a jaundice treatment called exchange transfusion, which replaces a newborn's blood with adult blood.

The condition had become rare by the 1970s, when newborns routinely remained in the hospital for

several days after birth, Maisels said.

Some have blamed shorter stays on managed care, but an industry trade group notes that since 1998, federal law has required plans to cover hospital stays of at least 48 hours at the mother or doctor's request.

Susan Pisano, spokeswoman for the American Association of Health Plans, said virtually all member groups will pay for bilirubin tests after newborns have been sent home. The group represents more than 1,000 health maintenance organizations and other managed-care plans nationwide.

On the Net: Commission: <http://www.jcaho.org> American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org>

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People with a lot of moles or who have moles that are large have an increased risk of malignant melanoma. Risk of malignant melanoma is greater if there

is a family history (mother, father, brother, sister, child) of the disease.

People that have been treated with medicines that suppress the immune system may also have an increased risk of melanoma. Certain medications can make your skin more sensitive to sun damage.

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Sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or higher is necessary even on cloudy days when 70-80% of the harmful rays can go through cloud cover.

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Both basal and squamous cell cancers are typically found on exposed parts of the body such as

the face, neck, forearms and scalp. Malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, may be found on skin that is always covered.

Malignant melanoma, like basal cell and squamous cell cancers, is almost always curable in its early stages. Melanoma is much more likely than basal or squamous cell cancer to spread to other parts of the body. Melanoma is found more frequently in adults but can develop in the childhood to teenage years.

African-Americans and other dark-skinned people usually get skin cancer on the lighter (less pigmented) areas of their body such as palms, soles of their feet and fingernails.

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